

UMMM, THAT HOT WATER BOTTLE SURE FEELS GOOD ON MY FEET!

YOU WERE SMART, IT'S FREEZING TONIGHT

GLUB GLUB

WHAT DID YOU FILL IT WITH?

HOT CHOCOLATE

ROSS

THE ROLE NEEDS SOMEONE BIGGER AND STRONGER THAN ME, HUH?

HEY--!

WELL, I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT...

THERE MUST BE LOTS OF GUNS WHO CAN DO THIS!

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Panel 1: A girl with blonde hair is sitting and reading a book. A boy with glasses and a mustache stands next to her, looking at the book. A speech bubble from the boy says, "SOMEHOW SHE'S..."

Panel 2: The boy is looking shocked, with his hands on his chest. The girl is now standing and looking away. A speech bubble from the boy says, "AVOID GRAM. SHE'S IN ONE OF HER STORMY MOODS I BARELY ESCAPED GETTING SCORCHED"

Panel 3: The boy is looking shocked, with his hands on his chest. The girl is now standing and looking away. A speech bubble from the boy says, "LUCKY YOU."

[illegible]

I WAS PLAYING WITH MY CAT AND SHE ACCIDENTALLY SCRATCHED ME, DOCTOR.

IT'S NOT TOO BAD, MRS. GUMBO, BUT IT MIGHT LEAVE A TINY SCAR.

SCAR?

TRAVELING THE WORLD IS GREAT, BUT THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

BOY, YOU SAID IT

MOM, HAMLET'S MAKING FACES AT ME!

AM NOT!

WHERE ARE THE DUCKLINGS?

SNORT GET OFF THE TABLE!

VOOF! VOOF!

KVACK! KVACK!

CHRIS BROWNE

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CRUNCH
CHOMP CHEW
CHOMP CHEW...

GRIMM... THIS ISN'T
WHAT I MEANT
BY EATING OUT!

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ARE YOU FREE ON THURSDAY FOR TED'S SURPRISE PARTY?

PARTY? YOU DON'T GIVE A PARTY FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS A DEATH IN THE FAMILY.

WELL WE GOT HIM A CARD, THEN FLOWERS IT JUST SNOW-BALLED.

I ASSUME THIS WILL ALL BE IN GOOD TASTE. I CAN'T PROMISE THAT. KARAOKE IS REALLY HIT OR MISS

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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN HOLLYWOOD RUNS OUT OF NATURAL DISASTER FILMS?

Paramount presents... *gentle breeze*

what is it, boy? Danger?

WATCH WITH HORROR AS A GENTLE BREEZE DESCENDS UPON AN UNSUSPECTING OKLAHOMA TOWN STARRING MEL GIBSON & HELEN HUNT.

20th Century Fox presents... *EIGHT RAIN*

SEE BRUCE WILLIS AT HIS ACTION-PACKED BEST AS HE SAVES AN ENTIRE CITY'S EARTHQUAKE POPULATION FROM DROWNING IN A PUDDLE.

Universal Pictures presents *hazy, hot & humid*

STOP RIGHT THERE, PAU!

ONLY JOHN TRAVOLTA COULD PROTECT THIS 20 STORY OFFICE BUILDING WHEN A PSYCHO THREATENS TO TURN OFF THE AIR CONDITIONING.

For Friday, Jan. 9, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This day looks very promising for your career interests

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Guard against extravagance and look for ways to build up your savings

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll soon be making an important investment decision. Partners are on the same wavelength, but a co-worker is touchy

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A vacation or a weekend trip will highlight the coming weeks. Initiative will bring you business gains, and money talks are productive

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Recognition and business progress are forthcoming in the coming days. You'll be making plans to give a party and to visit friends at a distance

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Business talks are confidential, but discussions with higher-ups will prove successful

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Go after what you want without coming on too strongly

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) *An increase in self-confidence marks the coming weeks. You'll find a trend is especially sensitive*

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Creative Interests and collaborative efforts are highlighted

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) This day finds you jaunting and weekend jaunts will be fun. This day implies you housecleaning and making important domestic changes

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Important domestic moves are on tap for you. The day accents travel, relationships with children, leisure interests and romance

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Extra incentive puts you a step ahead of the competition in business.

R C Y V R O L H E B X U R O L
I E B Y V S O N Y M K H E B Y
W T R O Y V A D A K L Y J L G
E B Y W S R E N M U S R A L U
R P N K I K L G A D L A V I B
Z X V S Q E E O G G U N E M M
K I G E Y B G C U S I E E A A
Y W U S Q O O P C N A R D H L
J H F E C B V T H A B T R Y C
X V U S Q P T T I W N M O E K
J H F E C B Z Y N X V U G T K

For solution, see Classified.

No. 1127

ACROSS		31 Commencement	51 Eager
1 Radio station supply		32 Wizards	52 It indicates what's happening, briefly
6 Dismay		34 Four on a four, e.g.	55 Womanizer
10 Louis who was guillotined		35 Tint	56 Reason d —
13 Flu ward sound		36 Coffee	57 Bad Grace comic strip
14 You said it!		37 Nationality suffix	58 Unified
15 Regular Cosmo feature		38 Flapjack places, for short	59 Antique store tag
16 Betraying, briefly		39 Punished, perhaps	60 Kind of statement
18 Lhasa — (dog)		40 Like some pizzas	
19 Colony member		42 Punish, perhaps	
20 Strove (for)		43 Speak monotonously	
21 Told (on)		44 Soothing instrument	
23 Advance		45 Knee/ankle connector	
24 Antigun lobbyist		46 Glow	
25 Congresswoman Waters		48 Look here!	
26 Respectful			

DOWN	
1 Art art	2 What a model might become
3 Barricade, with in	4 Inner ear
5 In the black	6 In the black

SPAM	PURRS	RAID	● Form of Buddhism
HOB0	0PIUM	ELMO	● Currier or lives
HOLD	TONIQ	PAAR	10 Start playing, briefly
FEELING	NOPAIN		11 Tight gripper
ROO	TAT		12 — Lacoste
FINANCE	CHARGE		13 Mideast nation
ALG	SEXY	VERSA	17 — kleine Nachtmusik
SULFA	DUC	ODETS	22 God shown with a burning torch
AFOUL	ERLE	EEK	23 "Fairy tales"
FOLIES	BERGERE		24 Utah lilies
LMN	NIX		25 Two-wheeler
FUMBLE	THE	BALL	26 1 unique flavor
MISO	IMAMS	COIF	
OTTO	SMOOT	TOFU	
AZAN	TASSO	ANON	

"Trade your spade nine for the 10 and we beat him," lamented East "We also prevail if I hold a second entry." "Maybe West should have slipped you his diamond king," offered South in mock sympathy. He knew East caused his own troubles. West led his spade nine, and East played his jack to keep South from scoring a "cheap" winner with his 10. It was a serious mistake, and South took advantage. He ducked shrewdly, allowing East to win. East continued with his spade king to South's ace, but there was no longer any effective defense. When West won his diamond king he had no spade to lead, giving South time to establish his diamonds. When East won his diamond ace, he could cash his high spade or lose it, and South escaped with his vulnerable game. East was guilty of false economy at trick one. Instead of keeping South from scoring his spade 10, he should have gladly offered the cheap trick. East should have played his spade seven, not his jack. This astute play stymies South. If he ducks, another spade lead allows East to set up his suit. And if South wins his 10, West can lead a second spade when he wins his diamond king. This limits South to only eight tricks before the defense wins five, and the game goes one down.

The Bridge Studio: Sunday afternoon, first Ron Dewey, Cornelia Yoder, second, Tiz Murphy, Ruth Richner, Sunday evening first Bill Barrington, Marilyn Smith second, Joe Fortino Cornelia Yoder Monday morning first Carl Brown, Claude Henri second, Doug Lyon Milt Rosenblum Monday evening first Dale Swift, Larry Waful second/third Barbara Fairbank, Jim Ineich Doug Lyon Cornelia Yoder Wednesday evening, first, Sherli Machi, Janet Sinciar second Bill Barrington, Joe Fortino Friday morning first Dennis Cleary Josh Donn, second, Dale Swift Larry Waful Friday evening, first, Ron Dewey, Bill Foster second Judie Bailey, Mary Walsh

Concord Aces: 1 NS, Dan Boye Gerry Radway 2 NS, Arlene Liberman Dorothy Wilson 1 EW Dale Swift Gerry Wurdinger, 2 EW, Norm Radway, Larry Wafel

Call 422-4114 by Friday evening to report your bridge club results.

Comedian **Larry Storch** is 75 Actor **Ron Moody** is 74 Comedian **Soupy Sales** is 72 Broadcast journalist **Sander Vanocan** is 70 CBS newsmen **Charles Osgood** is 65 Singer **Shirley Bassey** is 61 Country-gospel singer **Cristy Lane** is 58 Physicist **Stephen Hawking** is 56 Rock singer **David Bowie** is 51 Actress **Gaby Hoffman** ("Now and Then") is 16

The Associated Press

On this date

- In 1815 U.S. forces led by Gen. Andrew Jackson defeat the British in the Battle of New Orleans — the closing engagement of the War of 1812
- In 1894, fire caused serious damage at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago
- In 1918 President Wilson outlined his 14 points for peace after World War I
- In 1964, President Johnson declared a 'War on Poverty.'
- In 1973, secret peace talks between the United States and North Vietnam resumed near Paris
- In 1987, for the first time, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 2,000, ending the day at 2,002.25.
- In 1994 Tonya Harding won the U.S. Figure Skating Championship in Detroit, a day after Nancy Kerrigan dropped out following the clubbing attack on her knee. (The U.S. Figure Skating Association later stripped Harding of the title because of her involvement in the attack.)

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

A 60x60 grid representing a crossword puzzle layout. The grid contains 60 numbered squares, each with a number in its top-left corner. The numbers are distributed as follows:

- Row 1: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
- Row 2: 13, 14
- Row 3: 16, 17, 18
- Row 4: 19, 20, 21, 22
- Row 5: 23, 24
- Row 6: 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30
- Row 7: 31, 32, 33
- Row 8: 34, 35, 36
- Row 9: 37, 38, 39
- Row 10: 40, 41, 42
- Row 11: 43, 44
- Row 12: 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50
- Row 13: 51, 52, 53, 54
- Row 14: 55, 56, 57
- Row 15: 58, 59, 60

The grid is filled with black squares in a pattern that creates a crossword puzzle. The black squares are located in the following rows and columns (assuming 1-indexing from top-left):

- Row 1: Columns 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60
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Puzzles by Kiran S Kedlaya

27 Two-wheeler, briefly	42 Lighting specialist, informally?	48 Yikes!"
28 "Lord of the Flies" leader	44 Crescents	49 Son, usually
29 Object of contemplation?	45 Betting game	50 Farm team
30 Business	46 Tolstoy hero	53 — — — a Joke Son (1947 lick)
32 Bulwinkle, for	47 Prefix with culture	54 Big mits in credit reporting

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